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(Jan. 1st, 1895.)

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FOR NEW POLICE COURTS.

THE COMMITTEE OF SEVENTY APPROVES A BILL.

IT WIPES OUT THE PRESENT JUSTICES AND PUTS NINE CITY MAGISTRATES AND FIVE SPECIAL SESSIONS JUSTICES IN THEIR PLACES—FEATURES OF THE MEASURE.

The Committee of Seventy met in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, and gave unanimous approval of a bill, prepared by the sub-committee on legislation, entitled "An Act in Relation to the Inferior Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in the City and County of New-York," and providing for a complete reorganization of the police courts. If the bill is passed by the Legislature, all of the police justices will lose their offices on the last day of April, and the clerks of the police courts will go out of office at the same time.

The duties now performed by the police justices will fall to nine city magistrates and five justices of the Court of Special Sessions, to be appointed by the Mayor on or before April 29. All of the magistrates and justices so appointed must be lawyers who have lived in the city and practised in the courts of the city for ten years. A city magistrate will receive \$7,000 a year and a justice \$5,000 a year. The first city magistrate will be appointed by the Mayor on or before April 29, and the other eight will be appointed by the Legislature on May 1, 1895, until May 1, 1902, and three until May 1, 1905. The regular term of the city magistrate will be ten years. The city magistrates, who are to be the committing magistrates on the police courts, will have power to organize and appoint clerks for service at the courts.

The five justices of the Court of Special Sessions first appointed shall hold office for the terms of two, four, six, eight and ten years, respectively, from the first day of May. The bill continues:

many officers and attendants, including a stenographer and interpreter, as may be necessary for the due transact of the business of the court, and may, from time to time alter the number and salaries to be paid to such officers and attendants, but the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may, at any time, in its discretion, reduce the salaries of such officers and attendants as may be appointed by the justices, except that of the clerk. The justices may remove the deputy-clerk or any officer or attendant; but no deputy-clerk, officer or attendant shall be removed unless he has been guilty of cause of his proposed removal, and shall have been afforded an opportunity of making an explanation before the justices, or a majority of them, and the reasons for any removal shall be entered in the minutes of the court.

The bill provides for appeals from the court to higher courts, and for the attendance of an attorney representing the state in all criminal cases arising by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide for the salaries of the justices, magistrates, clerks and other employees.

The bill was presented yesterday by Mr. Delgado, the sub-committee, and the Committee of Seventy passed the following resolutions, which had been prepared by Simon Stern:

Whereas, the Lexon Committee's investigations have demonstrated the corruption and misadministration of the Police Justice courts;

Whereas, prompt legislation is required to reorganize this system and provide for the administration of magistrates with whom the community will confide in the administration of justice;

Resolved, That we approve the bill drawn by the Legislative Committee in conjunction with an advisory committee of distinguished law men entitled "An act in relation to the inferior courts of criminal jurisdiction in the city and county of New-York," and that we earnestly request the Legislature of the State of New-York promptly to consider and pass the same.

We concur in the opinion of this committee that the reformation of the system of administration of criminal justice in the city of New-York is one of the most important subjects for consideration at this time, and that the bill presented is in our judgment, adapted to accomplish the beneficial ends in view.

BYRNES LIKELY TO STAY.

GROWING IMPRESSION THAT HE WILL REMAIN AS HEAD OF THE POLICE.

CONTINUED ACTIVITY IN THE DEPARTMENT—EFFORTS TO GET EVIDENCE AGAINST GAMBLING AND OTHER REBOTS.

ANY vacancy in said office shall be filled by the Mayor of said city by appointment within thirty days after the vacancy occurs. If it is known that the person appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of the justice who has succeeded him, if the vacancy shall occur by reason of the expiration of the term of the person appointed to the office, the person appointed to the office shall succeed the justice whose term has expired shall hold office for the term of two years.

The salary of each of these officers, clerks and assistants to the city magistrate, and to no such clerk or assistant as may be appointed by the Board of City Magistrates, shall hold any other office or be interested in any other business, but they shall spend their whole time to their respective offices and attend the trials of cases in the city of New-York, and the police clerks' assistants and other assistants at any city magistrate's court shall obey the reasonable orders of the police officers, and shall supply services to the proper officers, the city magistrate presiding and the Board of City Magistrates.

The Board of City Magistrates shall adopt, and may from time to time amend or add to rules relating to the following subjects:

1. As to the magistrates who shall hold city magistrate's courts and times and places to be specified, and for a rotation of the magistrates holding the same.

2. As to the collection and disposition of any moneys by any police clerk, and as to keeping accounts of the same.

The Court of Special Sessions shall be composed of and must be held by three of the members of the court, and the determination or judgment of two of the justices shall be the order, determination or judgment of the court. The court shall sit in every month in the month of January.

The justices shall meet and adopt, and may from time to time amend or add to rules relating to the following subjects:

1. Regulating the procedure and practice of the court.

2. Prescribing the duties of the clerks and of the other officers and attendants of the court.

3. Establishing the times and places at which the court shall be held.

4. Assigning the justices to hold the court from time to time, but if any justice assigned to sit justicemust sit in his place.

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